PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1917

PRICE TWO CENT

HOLDS HOOVER AT FAULT FOR SUGAR FAMINE

Claus Spreckels Says Hands of Refiners Were Tied

DECLARES SHORTAGE PURELY FICTITIOUS

Crop Larger Than in 1916, But Was Diverted to Other Nations

FACTORIES REMAIN IDLE

Trust Controls Nine-tenths of the Output, He Tells Com mittee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. Herbert Hoover's food administration was blamed by Claus A. Spreckels today for the sugar famine

in the United States. sugar-coal investigating committee, Spreckels, leading independent, stated that the food administration

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ntries right through the United The American Sugar Refining

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permitted to cross-examine witnesses.

Seeking to learn why the food admin-

istration restricted importation of sugar, Reed read a statement made last May by Hoover that a serious sugar shortage was imminent unless the supply was served. This statement, made of the preceding year.
"As a matter of fact, the crop was

in excess of the year before," said Spreckel. Spreckles said refiners at first refused

to sign the nonimportation agreement

public.
"We had fifteen meetings with the food administration before the refiners finally signed the agreement," said Spreckels said George M. Rolph, the San Francisco sugar refiner, who is one of the three American members of the

or the three American members of the international sugar committee named by Hoover, had contracted for the entire output of Hawaii p antations.

"His price of twenty-five cents less 100 pounds than the New York price for twenty-five cents less 100 pounds than the New York price for the entire output of Hawaii p antations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

President Wilson: welcomes the

imported sugar gave Rolph an advantage of \$1,500,000 a year over us, his rivals,"

said Spreckels.

The two other members of the international committee, Englishmen, had no part in fixing a price for Porto Rican sugar, according to Spreckels. Sugar growers in Cuba and Peru forced the

growers in Cuba and Peru forced the committee to pay \$6.90 a hundred pounds, the producer's own figure.

Spreckels was willing to pay more in order to obtain sugar and still not raise the consumers' price, but Hoover wired him, "Other refiners have shut their plants rather than pay more than the price fixed." Hóover had added, "This price is too high; in fact, is regarded as a holdun."

DEPENDED ON CONSERVATION

admirals will be called to testify.

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Hoover also advised Spreckels, said
the witness, that "while it is unfortunate
this sugar shortage occurred, it is believed it will be compensated for by conservation in this country."
Reed read into the record the nonimportation agreement made October 1,
1917, at Hoover's behest. It bound sugar
refiners not to import augar, leaving all
importation in the hands of the international committee.

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"I objected to Hoover that the com-mittee was refusing to pay a high enough price to get sugar to keep our refineries running." said Spreckels. Receipt of Hawaiian sugar enabled the Rolph and two other refineries to operate, Spreckels said. These refineries had contracts not affected by the agree-

ment with Hoover.

Nearly 100,000 tons of sugar available for the United States was either diverted or withheld, Spreckels declared.

"LONG LIVE THE KING" The Newest Novel by Mary Roberts Rinehart Begins in TOMORROW'S



CLAUS A. SPRECKEL Testifying before the Senate sagar-coal investigating com-mittee today, he blamed Herbert Hoover's food administration for the sugar famine in the United States.

HUNS MASS FIRE ON ITALIAN LINE

Testifying before the Senate Big Guns Prepare for New Assault From Brenta to the Piave

Italian war ministry this afternoon. says: merican refiners agree not to im- Cape Silo bridgehead, which had for tain was successfully attacked by us Other countries have decreased lagoon, were halted after they had met or taken prisoners.

eir sugar consumption—England with some success. Counter-attack by East of Bullecourt bomb fighting has

mpany, known as the Sugar Trust, very favorable weather conditions, ac-

for Sweeping Investiga-

tion of Sea Service

President Wilson welcomes the

probe of his conduct of the war, it

was stated at the White House this

afternoon. In the Senate's military

investigation and the inquiry into

naval affairs decided upon by the

House the President thinks a true

The Senate inquiry into conduct of the war spread to the House of Repre-

sentatives today when the House Naval Committee voted for a sweeping investi-

The investigation, it was stated, would

go into every phase of the naval situa-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

spirit of democracy lies.

gation of the navy.

BRITISH GAIN SLIGHTLY AT BULLECOURT

Positions Improved as Result of Night Bomb Fighting

ENEMY RAIDS

Few Tommies Missing After German Foray South of

Pronville

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 14. A British attempt to recapture lost trenches east of Bullecourt was beaten back with heavy loss, today's official statement declared.

LONDON, Oec. 14. Improvement of British local positions east of Bullecourt as a result of bomb fighting last night was statement today.

South of Pronville, he said, the nemy raided a post and a few British were missing.

"Violent artillerying in the neighborhood of Maison de Champagne, east of Suippes and in Alsace was reported in today's official statement issued by the French War Office. Southwest of Cerny the statement detailed a French raid.

This announcement was made this afternoon—three days before the opening of the great Christmus campaign for 500,000 new members—by Dr. Charles D. Hart, chairman of the campaign committee, following a luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. It is the first tangible in a town through which American troops were passing. Pieces of the bomb shattered the windows of a

The official report from Field Marshal

Operations of the Teutons against the | A hostile post south of Villers-Guis-

the Italians, in which the young soldiers taken place this afternoon in a portion

ntrols nine-tenths of the output cording to official dispatches. Land that FOE'S SUPREME EFFORT

seven yards and a terrific artillery salvo divisions (about 1.185,000) men on the dicted the Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf.

Snow, Sleet and Rain

Carried by High Wind

MAKE WAR PROBE OF FIERCE STORM

GOVERNOR AT MEMORIAL

Attends Dedication of Soldiers' Plot and Makes Address

YORK, Pa., Dec. 14.-Governor Brum-

YORK, Pa. Dec. 14.—Governor Brumbaugh and State Banking Commissioner Lafean delivered patriotic addresses at the rededication of a plot of ground in memory of the Civil and Spanish-American War veterans at Wrightsville, near here, this afternoon.

The exercises were to have been held at Fourth and Heliam streets, where four cannon and a tabit have been placed, but the snowshorm resulted in the pregram being carried out in the United Evangelical Church, adjoining the park.

A. J. Warfield, chairman of the committee in charge of the celebration, presided.

The Governor and his party reviewed

The Governor and his party reviewed the public school children of the bor-ugh and were entertained at the home of Burgess W. P. Wilton. Later in the afterno n the Governor addressed the Woman's Club here.

OVER 100,000° JOIN RED CROSS

Pledges Announced Before Campaign Opens Gratify ish front. Details are not yet known. Committee

already are pledged for the southeastern Pennsylvania chapter of the American

had tied the hands of American refiners by an agreement which prevents them from getting sugar to refine.

Chairman Reed early in today's hearing brought out the following facts:

Office. Southwest of Cerny the statement detailed a French raid.

A battle-raiding party was repulsed Wednesday night southwest of La Bassee. We inflicted casualties on the enemy and secured a few prisoners as a result of patrol encounters east of gave figures to show how men, women and children have pledged their \$1 bills.

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the nation at war.
It was a grim, businesslike meeting. "Gentlemen, we are at war," earnestly said E. T. Stotesbury, the financier, wh their object penetration of the Venetian this morning. Its garrison were killed lagoon, were halted after they had met or taken prisoners. With some success. Counter-attack by East of Bullecourt bomb fighting has that There is no playing about it. It is business. When I hear of the horror

constantly in progress in the entire sec-tor.

The combined firing of the Teuton field pieces drowns out all other sound and

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SAMMEES ARE SLAIN IN HUN **AERIAL RAID**

Details Lacking of Casualties Among Engineers Behind British Lines

BOMB FALLS IN STREET

Pershing Reports Names of Two Others Wounded in Action December 10

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 14.

Several American railway engineers were killed when German airmen raided a town behind the Brit-

Officials at American field headquarters today were trying hard to reported in Field Marshal Haig's MORAL SUPPORT VITAL get a list of the dead. The only information reaching here so far More than 100,000 new members stated that "several" Americans were killed. They were all members of an engineering unit which

General Pershing reports the names of two engineers wounded in Politiken stated today. action on December 10. They are:

Private Einar C. Bryn, severely wounded. Father, Harold Bryn, 313 Union street, Brooklyn, N. Y. It Private Isidore Kanner, slightly wounded. Father, Morris Kanner,

Able Seaman Jan Hendrix Branthart

Private Maurice L Capron, coast ar-

HOUSE ALSO WILL CITY IN THE GRIP TRANSIT LEASE GIRL DIES IN FIRE; MOTHER ABSENT

Hearing Over Selection of Engineer Board

Put Up in Paragraphs SNOWFALL, one inch.

Rainfall, .22 inch.
Wind velocity, thirty-five miles.
New York trains one to four hours late. Suburban trains tied up. Main

Line commuters on Pennsylvania forced to abandon trains at West Philadelphia Station and take elevated to town.

Seven persons hurt.
Telegraph wires down.
Winter weather to continue, with minimum temperature of 15

degrees tonight.

All trains coming into Philadelphia tion. Secretary Daniels and all active were more than an hour late, telephone and telegraph service was slightly crip-pled and seven persons are in hospitals A special investigating subcommittee pled and seven persons are in hospitals following the snow, sleet, wind and rain storm—the worst that has visited Phila-declared the company would not agree of seven members was appointed as fol- following the snow, sleet, wind and rain lows:
Oliver, Afabama; Connelly, Kansas; storm—the worst that has vi
Venable, Mississippi; Hensley, Missouri; delphia in months—that swe
Britten, Illinois; Hicks, New York, and last night and early today. delphia in months-that swept the city

Venable, Mississippi; Hensiey, Missouri; Britten, Illinois; Hicks, New York, and Peters, Maine.

This committee was given plenary powers for a drastic probe.
Hearings of the committee investigating will commence immediately under the chairmanship of Representative Oliver.

Just what has been accomplished with \$1,500,000,000 the navy was given to spend last year, and what is to be accomplished by the \$1,000,000,000 asked this year, will be thoroughly gone into.

The investigation will embrace inquiries into naval training stations, navy yards and all naval establishments, cauipment, ordnance and pers nnel.

The House probers plan to follow closely the footsteps of the Senate Military Committee in its sweeping army probe.

Forecasts that the Senate Naval Committee will co-operate in the general naval investigation were made.

Congressmen said the naval probe was pr mpted not so much by suspicion of the conduct of affairs as through the Conduct of the country, but was general over the cast-rection of the country, but was general over the cauting the thoracting to the country, but was eather that an according to th

HOTLY DEBATED Naval Committee Votes Train Service Crippled by Controversy at Public Little Brother Also Seri-

sit lease, to control the operation of the shortly before noon today. city's new high-speed transit system. Ignorant of the tragedy, the mother developed at the pub ic hearing over the of the children returned at noon to get afternoon before committees of Coun- arms of a neighbor.

Led by Select Councilman Harry J. Years
Trainer, of the Third Ward, opponents
of the revised lease criticized the proposed B ard of Control and announced
their intention to carry the fight against the board on the floor of Councils, if

As constituted in the draft of the proposed lease, the board would be com-posed of two members, one of whom would be a pointed by the Mayor and the other b the P. R. T. Company. Trainer suggested that Councils elect

a third member, and then, when Dr. William Draper Lewis and Finance Com-

ern section of the country, but was Gaffney.

Doctor Lewis declared that the election laws of the State would have to be changed before a member of the board could be elected by the voters.

They were then runned to hospital, where E canor was pronounced dead. The father of the children is John Copes, a laborer. Mrs. Copes occasionally

CAPTURED The Experiences of a Wounded Canadian Officer Who Fell Into THE HANDS OF THE

ENEMY

Begins in TOMORROW'S Evening Public Ledger

ously Burned While Playing With Matches the Osaka Mainichi, today, in an interview printed in the Chronicle,

proposed contract held in City Hall this them their lunch. She fainted in the

covered smoke issuing from the window cracks and screamed for help. Patrol-man Quattle, of the Third and Dickinson streets station, heard her broke the glass in the winds

took up the cudges would not agree declared the company would not agree to such a change, he suggested that a third member be elected by the people. "The company would never agree to any change in the board," said Mr. Gaffney. Lewis declared that the electric declared the declared that the electric declared the end of the children and the children are the window, their clothes burning. Quattle, after extinguishing the first.

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Select Councilman Isaac D. Hetzel.
of the Eighteenth Ward, and a Vare

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CAPTIPED

COPES, a laborer. Mrs. Copes occasionally worked to swell the family income. When she returned at noon to get the door by Mrs. Kean. She fainted when told of the tragedy, and after being revived she hurried to the bedside of her

> New Orleans Results PIRST RACE, two-year-olds, the Nursery Purse. \$500, 514 furlongs: Cobalt Lass, 100, John-

QUICK NEWS

BELIEVE BRITISH LINER SANK DURING STORM

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 14 .- Members of the crew of French liner which arrived here today believe that a Britsin schooner sank during last night's storm. The schooner was inbound from a British port. The French liner supplied the distressed vessel with food and clothing, but could render no further assistance in the storm. Six of the ten members of the crew has been swept overboard.

BOILING WATER SCALDS CHILD

Helen Brodati, three years old, 840 Mountain street, was seriously scalded about the face and head this afternoon when a not of boiling water fell from the stove. She was playing on the floor of the kitchen of her home. She was removed to Mount Sinai Hospital.

RUSSIAN ARMY OFFICER COMMITS SUICIDE

was being employed behind the Brit- suicide under senscional circumstances today, just prior to assembling of the Russian armistice conferees, according to a dispatch from Brest Litovsk. Details are withheld. It was stated, however, that the Russian army comthat a German bomb fell in a street mander shot himself. The suicide apparently occurred at German army

bomb shattered the windows of a BERLIN REPORTS SLAV ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS BERLIN (via London), Dec. 14.-Negotiations are in progress for the

KERENSKY ACCEPTS SIBERIAN POST KERENSKY ACCEPTS SIBERIAN POST ing the precious nuggets with the ferce translation of the precious nuggets w post of Minister of Justice in the first Siberian Cabinet, the newspaper

eastern front armistice, today's official statement said,

HOUSE VOTE ON SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Objection by Representative Walsh, of Massasetts, anti-suffragist, prevented in the House this afternoon an agreement the Italians, in which the young soldiers of the 1899 class took a leading part, drove the Austro-Germans from the positions they had gained. New attacks against the bridgehead are expected. The enemy artillery has shown some of the Teutons have the advantage of the Teutons have the advantage of very favorable weather conditions, actively at different points out of the publishers. "Moral support is vital. A dollar will give it. And which every man must be won by military penetrated yesterday. A few additional properties with the enemy artillery has shown some support is vital. A dollar will give it. And which is a dollar in the great Red Cross cause, with which every man must sympathize?"

The truttons have the advantage of years of the publishers. "Moral support is vital. A dollar will give it. And which every man must sympathize?"

FOE'S SUPREME EFFORT

The first announcement of member-washington. Details a dollar will give it. And which every man must sympathize?"

WAGE INCREASE FOR BELL PHONE EMPLOYES to vote on the woman suffrage amendment Monday, January 7. Democratic date. The suffragists are trying their best to obtain a delay on the suffrage measure at present. The anti-suffragists, however, are taking advantage of

A Christmas present in the shape of a general increase in wages has been decided upon by the management of the Bell Telephone Company, to married and decided upon by the management of the Bell Telephone Company, to married and decided upon by the management of the Bell Telephone Company, to married and decided upon by the management of the Bell Telephone Company, to married and decided upon by the management of the Bell Telephone Company, to married and decided upon by the management of the Bell Telephone Company, to married and decided upon by the management of the Bell Telephone Company. First Lieutenant George M. Anderson, engineers, uled iboard a United Stateg transport December 3 of tubercular meninglits. His wife, Judith, lives at Alexandria, Va.

Sergeant Paul Jordan, of the quartermaster's corps, died December 10 of injuries received in a motorcycle accident. His next kin is Grady Haley, an uncle.

BINGHAM ESTATE'S TAX PAYS KENTUCKY'S DEBT

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 14.—Heirs of Mrs. Robert Bing.am, formerly given out today Francis Acceptance will more case that the proposed wage increase "Tot should Indicate your cases "Tot should Indicate your cases and should be fast the notice to the manufact ranks and valves are leady. Your boilers should be gave and valves are leady. Your boilers should be gave of scale and foreign matter. Also steam pipes should be taken and valves are leady. Your boilers should be gave of scale and foreign matter. Also steam pipes should be taken and valves are leady. Your boilers should be taken and valves are leady. Your boilers should be gave of scale and foreign matter. Also steam pipes should be taken and valves are leady. Your boilers should be gave of scale and foreign matter. Also steam pipes should be taken and valves are leady. Your boilers should be taken to be employed will receive their increase beginning December 31 and those on a monthly basis January 1.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 14.—Heirs of Mrs. Robert Bing'am, formerly given out today by Francis A. Lewis, ch. Mrs. Henry Flagler, of New York, wife of the late railroad magnate, have coal administrator. At the present time only agreed to pay close to \$3,000,000 inheritance taxes on the Bingham \$80,000,000 agreed to pay close to \$3,000,000 inheritance taxes on the Bingham \$80,000,000 estate. This will wipe out Kentucky's debt.

BEGIN REMOVING AUSTRIANS FROM U. S. ARMY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The War Department began today the task of removing soldiers of Austrian descent from the fighting end of the Ameranal Iron Company's forty-four colliers. Continued on Page Ten, Column Six jean army. Special orders demanded the removal of 100 men with Austrian and only one of its washeries c names to the United States disciplinary barracks guard and their assignment to the Fort Leavenworth barracks. Their duties as members of the Knickerbocker washery alone were guard are like police work, and their transfer is precautionary and not puni- to work and they did so she tive. The War Department declined to announce a policy in connection with the Austrians, but indicated clearly that it will strip the army of any men who might prove dangerous later.

JAPAN READY TO ENFORCE ORDER IN RUSSIA

LONDON. Dec. 14 .- "If the western allies agree, there is no reason why Japan should not undertake to use her arms to check the anarchist movement in Russia, at least in the far East," declared N. Kato, London editor of

NOMINATE SWISS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

BERNE, Dec. 14.-Switzerland's Federal Assembly today nominated the all-powerful "Board of Supervising dying as the result of a fire in their Felix Calonder as President and Edward Mueller as Vice President of Engineers" created in the revised trail home at 1807 South Orianna street Switzerland. Both are radical Democrats.

WAR CUTS DOWN CANDY TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

Fewer candy toys, due to the shortage of sugar and labor, is one of the war-time sacrifices that the kiddles will have to make this year. Santa Claus The dead child is Eleanor Copes, five will be doing well to have any candy at all when Christmas comes around, years old. Her brother Daniel, three and what he does have will Le of the staple or standard variety, according to years old, is in the Mt. Sinai Hospital manufacturers in touch with the situation. There is not much profit in candy suffering from burns about the body and toys anyhow, so this year the men who make the goodles will stick to the

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 14 .- The railroads here have placed an embargo

MADRID, Dec. 14.—Official announcement has been made of the signing

ANGLO-SPANISH TRADE TREATY SIGNED

POPE ASKS WORLD TO EXTOL JERUSALEM'S FALL ROME, Dec. 14.-The Pope has ordered solemn celebrations throughout

VIENNA, Dec. 14.—Vienna newspapers state that hundreds of Jewish refugees have arrived from Palestine. They state that the Jews there have son at the hospital.

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GERMANS HURRYING AWAY FROM CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-The exodus from Washington of German subjects, in accordance with President Wilson's enemy allen proclamation, was in full swing this afternoon. The time limit for residence here of unnaturalized Germans expires at midnight. After that hour any German subject found in the District of Columbia will be subject to instant arrest and internment for the period of the war.

WOMEN MAK FRENZIED RU TO SEIZE CO.

200 Housewives Tal Needed Fuel From Car on Siding-

FREED BY MAGISTRATE

Loose Coal Prices

in Effect Tomorrow

The quantity of anthracite per and nut coal sold to the consumer shall be determined by actually weighing the coal over properly regulated scales.

No baskets, buckets, boxes or other receptacles or containers shall be used as measures.

By order of

WILLIAM POTTER, Federal fuel administrator for Pennsylvania.

More than 200 women, frenzied for lack of coal, swarmed upon a Pennsy vania coal car on a siding at Washin

one concern-coal. "Misericordia," they shricked, grasp-

congelati."

They cared naught for "necessity for protecting the differential" or "gratifying increases in production of anthracite over 1916." They only knew that the wolf of winter was at their doors the fires were out in their homes and their children sobbing with cold.

Even the arrival of the police did not dispel their frenzy. "We want coal," they still screamed when arraigned before Magistrate Coward. fore Magistrate Coward.

The Magistrate did not hold them for

URGED TO CONSERVE COAL Manufacturers in this city and vicini were appealed to by Francis A. Legocal administrator in Philadelphia, day to have scientific inspections regularly of the furnaces in their out-lishments. Such inspections, Mr. Legocal declared, would help to save coal. It manufacturers were appealed to in the sands of letters which were sent out it manufacturers and declared.

BLIZZARD CUTS OUTPUT

Continued on Pres Eleven, Column Fr BUSH, SCHANG, STRUN ARE SOLD TO RED SO

Connie Mack Receives \$60,000 in Addition in Sensa-

tional Deal

Connie Mack has out-Bakered Bat The bisebal world was startled Tuesday when it was announced to Presidem Baker had shattered the Files by selling Alexander and Kill but the followers of the Athletics handed as great a shock this aftern when a despatch from Chicago stathat Connie Mick had traded Joe 2s Wally Schang and Amos Strunk to Wally Schang and Amos Strunk to Boston Red Sox for Gregg, Thomas Koppx and a cash consideration of

The children were locked in the front room of the house by the mother early today when she went to work. It is believed that in some manner they obtained matches and set fire to toe couch. The flames spread quickly and enveloped them.

Mrs. Ethel Kean, a neighbor, discovered smoke issuing from the window cracks and screamed for help. Patroloman Quartile, of the Third and Dicking.

A news service first made the nouncement of the big trade which place at the annual meeting of American League, now in session in Windy City, and a few minutes this telegram from Connie Mack-lowed: CHICAGO, Dec. Sporting Editor, EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER

Have closed deal with Bostor cans for players Thomas, Gregg fielder Kopp or Walsh and o sideration for Strunk, Schang a CONNIE

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity and colder tonight and Saturd loscest temperature tonight degrees; diminishing norths

Evening Public Ledger